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Exmouth.

29th April, 1941.

To the Chairman and Members of the

Exeter Port Health Authority.

Gentlemen,

Herewith I beg to present the Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1940.

As directed by the Ministry, this Report is considerably abbreviated and modified from the requirements set out in Memo 204/S.A. and is due to avoiding, as far as possible, the disclosure of any information which might prove to be detrimental to this Country.

TABLE A.

Number Inspected.		Number reported defective.	Number of Vessels on which defects were remedied.	Number of Vessels reported as having cases of infectious disease on board.
By the Medical Officer of Health.	By the Sanitary Inspector.			
43	144	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Every vessel which entered the Port was boarded by one of your officials and enquiries instituted as to the health of the crews and the general cleanliness of the vessel. No signs of rat infestation were observed.

TABLE B has been omitted, by request.

TABLE C.

Cases of infectious Sickness landed from Vessels.

Disease.	Number of cases during 1940.		Number of Vessels concerned.
	Passengers.	Crew.	
Nil.	-- Nil --	--	Nil.

TABLE D.

Cases of infectious Sickness occurring on Vessels during the voyage but disposed of prior to arrival.

Disease.	Number of Cases during 1940.		Number of Vessels concerned.
	Passengers.	Crew.	
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RATS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE E.

(1) On Vessels.

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total in Year.
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TABLE F.

(2) In Docks, Quays, Wharves and Warehouses.

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total in Year.
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FOOD INSPECTION.

- (1) Action taken under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1925, the Public Health (Imported Food) Amendment Regulations, 1933, the Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations, 1926, and the Public Health (Preservatives &c, in Food) Regulations, 1925 to 1927. None required.
- (2) Number of Samples of Food examined by:-
 - (a) Bacteriologist.

Nature of Sample.	Result of Examination.	Nil.
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 - (b) Analyst.

Nature of Sample.	Result of Examination.	Nil.
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PORT OF TOPSHAM.

I visited this Port on several occasions, ^{during the} every Quarter. Seventeen vessels arrived; they were all boarded and inspected by your Sanitary Inspector. No cases of sickness, infectious or otherwise, were reported, the sanitation was satisfactory and no signs of rat infestation were detected.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

C. Beesley.
Medical Officer of Health.

